MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The national gas-grid is part of a long term perspective plan for the development and utilisation of natural gas. Its implementation will depend on the establishment of adequate reserves of gas and availability of financial resources for its production and utilisation. Exploration is under way for discovering oil and gas reserves.

Surplus labour in Coal Industry

708. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 8th July, 1986, a section of the workers in the nationalised Coal Industry is likely to be declared surplus;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the reasons leading to such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) No decision has been taken by Coal India Ltd. to declare any section of its workers as surplus.

Indo-UAE Cable Project

709. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an Indo-UAE Cable project; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A project for the establishment of a wide-band submarine telephone cable link between Bombay (India) and Fujairah in United Arab Emirates has been approved. The cable will have an approximate length of 1969 KM and is planned to have a capacity of about 1380 voice grade channels for telephony, telex, voice band data, facsimile services etc. The cable link will be owned in equal proportions by the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited of India and the Emirates Telecommunications Corporation Limited of UAE. The link is expected to be ready for service by end-August, 1987.

710. [*Transferred to the 5th August 1986*].

Action against misleading advertisements by Pharmaceutical Companies

711. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Investigation and Registration, Department of Company Affairs of the Ministry of Industry has approached the MRTPC for grant of temporary injunction against 'misleading advertisements' being issued by Pharmaceutical companies to promote the sale of their products;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of such pharmaceutical companies and what are the names of the products involved; and

(d) what are the details regarding the other action being taken by the Government against such pharmaceutical companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.